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PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Sakae MATSUMOTO et al.

Appn. No.: 09/936,564

Group Art Unit: 3682

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Examiner: B. Van Pelt

For: COUPLING STRUCTURE OF EXTENSIBLE SHAFTS

NOTICE OF APPEALAssistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated April 22, 2003 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-17.

The items checked below are appropriate:

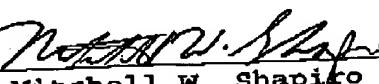
1.  A Petition for Extension of Time (with appropriate fee accompanies this Notice).
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 Charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (one additional copy of this Notice is attached).

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